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will have to be sold there in the fuel, they are too dumb to see that these speculators would build an ethanol plant in California, and that's what I talked about the other day. don't these speculators run out to California and build a plant because that is where the market is? All these producers, Senator Schrock is so naive, Senator Dierks is so naive. Senator Cunningham is a grocer, he's not expected to know anything, he's just down here trumpeting for these plants because they've told him one will be in his district. doesn't even know the dynamics of what we're talking about. Farmers should understand market. The closer you can be to a market for your product, the less you have to spend for transportation and other costs. Ethanol cannot be sent by pipeline. How do you get ethanol from Nebraska to California? You truck it or you send it by rail. Why waste the cost shipment by truck or rail if you can build the plant where the market is? Those people realize that ethanol is never going to produce a profit so you go to states where they have dumbbells and tell them, if you follow that rainbow, at the end of it in California is a pot of gold. Well, why don't those people in California just take the gold out of that pot? Because they know there is no gold there. They know the whole thing is a chimera. That takes care of ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

...that as far as I'm concerned. SENATOR CHAMBERS: under this bill, you're not required to make any particular amount of investment. You don't have to produce jobs. All you look at is how many gallons are produced. That makes this different from the others. So what I would tell my good friends is they need to talk to some of these grain growers in areas about 100 miles from these plants where that gluten meal is trucked, and will undersell the farmers producing feed grain in They resent what we're doing here. They're not those areas. going to benefit from it. Their corn is not going to be used to produce ethanol and they're being able to sell less of it for feed because the gluten from these ethanol plants is being trucked into their area, so we're subsidizing a product which is producing a by-product that is hurting farmers in other parts of this state. To me, that is irrational,...